

Rep. Mary Bono Mack - Legislative Accomplishments

Legislation by Rep. Mary Bono Mack– Passed the House (Highlighted Bills Became Law)

112th Congress (2011-2012)

H.R. 6131 – SAFE WEB Act reauthorizes and extends the U.S. SAFE WEB Act until 2020 and is used to the Federal Trade Commission to combat cross-border fraud, spam and spyware. With strong bipartisan support, H.R. 6131 passed the House by voice vote on September 11, 2012.

H.R. 2715 – Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act Amendments gave the Consumer Product Safety Commission greater authority and discretion in enforcing consumer product safety laws. It is credited with creating or saving thousands of American jobs (including many in the ATV industry) by reducing onerous regulations, while maintaining strong protections for children. With strong bipartisan support (including democrat co-sponsors Ranking Member Henry Waxman, Reps. John Dingell and G.K. Butterfield), H.R. 2715 passed the House by a vote of 421-2 on August 1, 2011 and passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent on the same day. It was **signed into law** by President Obama on August 12, 2011.

H.Con. Res. 127 – Internet Freedom Resolution affirms that it is the “consistent and unequivocal policy of the United States to promote a global Internet free from government control.” This resolution sends a clear message to the U.S. delegation negotiating at a UN convention this December. Countries like Russia and China are behind these proposals. H. Con. Res. 127, with strong bipartisan support (including democrat sponsors Reps. Anna Eshoo, Henry Waxman, John Dingell and G.K. Butterfield), passed the House by a vote of 414-0 on August 2, 2012.

111th Congress (2009-2010)

H.R. 1319 – Informed P2P User Act required companies that make “file sharing” programs (what people use to illegally transfer music) to notify consumers of exactly what they’re getting themselves into by downloading the software. It also made it illegal for the makers of those programs to “surreptitiously” install their programs on a consumer’s computer without their consent. With 36 bipartisan cosponsors, H.R. 1319 passed the House by voice vote on 12/8/09.

H.R. 1727 – Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH) Act of 2009 established a national registry for arsonists, similar to other national registries. Democrat Sponsor was Rep. Adam Schiff. H.R. 1727 passed the House by voice vote on 9/30/09.

H.R. 4214 – Roy Wilson Post Office Designation Act named a post office in Palm Desert, CA, after Roy Wilson. With 45 bipartisan cosponsors, H.R. 4214 passed the House by a vote of 419-0 on 3/18/10, passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent on 5/25/10 and **signed into law** by President Obama on 6/9/10.

110th Congress (2007-2008)

H.R. 1725 – Rancho California Water District Recycled Water Reclamation Facility Act of 2008 authorized the construction of facilities to recycle water, remove salt and certain other minerals of the water supply in southern Riverside County between the Interior Department and the Rancho California Water District. H.R. 1725 passed the House on 7/10/07 by voice vote.

H.R. 1759 – Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH) Act of 2007 established a national registry for arsonists, similar to other national registries. Democrat Sponsor was Rep. Adam Schiff. H.R. 1759 passed the House by voice vote on 12/05/07.

H.R. 3682 – California Desert & Mountain Heritage Act of 2008 designated and protected certain lands in Riverside County as wilderness areas. Democrat sponsors were Reps. Barbara Lee & Ed Towns. H.R. 3682 passed the House on 6/9/08 by voice vote.

H.R. 4841 – Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act approved, ratified and confirmed the Settlement Agreement between the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians and several water districts in California. Democrat sponsors were Reps. Joe Baca and Dale Kildee. H.R. 4841 passed the House on 5/21/08 by voice vote and passed the Senate on 7/23/08 by Unanimous Consent. It was **signed into law** by President George W. Bush on 7/31/08.

H.R. 6085 – Gerald R. Ford Post Office Designation Act of 2008 named a post office in Rancho Mirage after President Ford. With 115 bipartisan cosponsors, H.R. 6085 passed the House on 6/18/08 by voice vote and passed the Senate on 8/1/08 by Unanimous Consent. It was **signed into law** by President Bush on 8/12/08.

H. Con. Res. 273 – Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences. This resolution congratulated the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences on 50 years of achievement. With 61 bipartisan cosponsors, H. Con. Res. 273 passed the House on 2/6/08 by voice vote and passed the Senate on 2/8/08 by Unanimous Consent. As a resolution and “sense of the Congress,” it is unnecessary to be signed into law.

H.Res. 1042 – Recognizing and supporting the We Don’t Serve Teens Campaign. This resolution raised awareness on the dangers of underage drinking and encourage establishments to not serve minors. It passed the House by voice vote on September 23, 2008. It had 106 bipartisan cosponsors.

109th Congress (2005-2006)

H.R. 29 – Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act (SPY Act) made it unlawful for certain companies to put “tracking software” on your computer to monitor your activities, change your computer settings, collect information about you or otherwise “take control of your computer.” With 61 bipartisan cosponsors, H.R. 29 passed the House by a vote of 393-4 on 5/23/05.

H.R. 622 – Renewable Energy Production Incentive Reform Act modified the renewable energy production incentive payment guidelines so ensure that renewable forms of energy (e.g. solar, wind, geothermal, biomass) were encouraged and funded. It allowed certain tax-exempt entities that produced electricity to qualify for incentive payments. Rep. Ed Markey was the democrat sponsor. H.R. 622 was added into H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which was **signed into law** by President Bush on 8/8/05.

H.R. 2421 – Combating Autism Act set forth a list of research areas to be included in the National Institute of Health autism spectrum disorder initiatives, including research into possible environmental causes of autism. In addition, the authorization of \$945 million over fiscal years 2007 to 2012 will assist in promoting early screening of those at higher risk for autism, increase the number of health care professionals able to diagnose autism, increase the number of professionals offering treatments for autism, and promote the use of evidence-based interventions for those at higher risk for autism. Rep. Diana DeGette was the democrat sponsor. The House and Senate resolved differences with the bills, and President George Bush **signed the bill into law** on December 19, 2006.

HR. 6143 – Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 included a 3-year reauthorization to maintain funding levels so that states would not receive less than 95% of their 2006 funding levels. The legislation mandated a four year transition period for states with code-based reporting systems to switch to names-based reporting systems and repealed the Ryan White Act after three years; requiring Congress to re-examine and construct a new frame-work to continue to support those individuals living with HIV/AIDS. H.R. 6143 passed the House on 9/28/06 by a vote of 325-98 (Roll no. 503) and passed the Senate on 12/6/06 by Unanimous Consent. It was **signed into law** by President Bush on 12/19/06.

H.R. 6429 – Fallen Firefighters Assistance Tax Clarification Act of 2006 ensured that payments made to a family by a charitable foundation on behalf of any firefighter who died in the 2006 fire are tax-exempt. H.R. 6429 passed the House and Senate on 12/09/06 unanimously and **signed into law** by President Bush on 12/21/06.

108th Congress (2003-2004)

H.R. 671 – Renewable Energy Production Incentive Reform Act modified the renewable energy production incentive payment guidelines so ensure that renewable forms of energy (e.g. solar, wind, geothermal, biomass) were encouraged and funded. It allowed certain tax-exempt entities that produced electricity to qualify for incentive payments. Rep. Ed Markey was the lead democrat sponsor. Though this bill was included in a broader energy package that passed the House, it was eventually signed into law in 2005. See the same bill in the 109th Congress.

H.R. 2929 – Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act (SPY Act) made it unlawful for certain companies to put “tracking software” on your computer to monitor your activities, change your computer settings, collect information about you or otherwise “take control of your computer.” With 31 bipartisan cosponsors, H.R. 2929 passed the House by a vote of 399-1 on 10/5/04.

H.R. 3874 – Federal Land Conveyance in Riverside County. The bill directed the Department of Interior to convey certain federal lands in order to build a homeless shelter, training center and affordable housing. The project was part of the Father Joe’s Villages. Reps. Susan Davis and Joe Baca were the democrat sponsors. H.R. 3874 passed the House on 7/19/04 by voice vote.

H.Con.Res. 260 – Resolution honoring the service of those who volunteer their time to participate in funeral honor guards for our veterans in National Cemeteries. It passed the House by voice vote on June 14, 2004.

107th Congress (2001-2002)

H.R. 1605 – Produce Consumers’ Right-to-Know Act required retailers to provide consumers with country of origin labeling of perishable agriculture commodities. H.R. 1605 had 16 bipartisan cosponsors and was offered as an amendment (H.Admt. 351) to the Farm Bill (H.R. 2646) on 10/4/01 and passed by a vote of 296 – 121(Roll no. 370). The Farm Bill, with H.R. 1605 included, was signed into law on 5/13/02 by President George Bush.

H.R. 3407 – Indian Financing Act Reform Amendment increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000 the amount the Bureau of Indian Affairs insured loans a lender can offer to a borrower. H.R. 3407 had 6 bipartisan cosponsors; Reps. Joe Baca, Dale Kildee and Patrick Kennedy were the democrat sponsors. The identical bill in the Senate, S.2017, passed the Senate on 9/17/02 by Unanimous Consent and passed the House by voice vote on 11/15/02. S. 2017 was signed into law by President George Bush on 12/13/02.

106th Congress (1999-2000)

H.R. 1953 – Desert Cahuilla Indians & Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians Land Leases Act authorized the leasing of lands held in trust for the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, the Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians of the Guidiville Indian Rancheria, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Rep. Mike Thompson was the democrat sponsor. H.R. 1953 passed the House on 11/17/99 by voice vote and passed the Senate on 6/8/00 by Unanimous Consent. President Bill Clinton **signed the bill into law** on 6/20/00.

H.R. 3657 – San Bernardino National Forest Land Conveyance bill authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to a local radio station (KATY 101.3 FM) a certain parcel of property within the San Bernardino National Forest when it received a payment from the radio station. H.R. 3657 passed the House on 9/12/00 by voice vote and passed the Senate on 10/19/00 by Unanimous Consent. It was **signed into law** on 11/6/00 by President Bill Clinton.

H.R. 3676 – Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000 designated lands in Riverside County to create the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. With 129 bipartisan cosponsors, H.R. 3676 passed the House on 7/25/00 by voice vote and passed the Senate on 10/5/00 by Unanimous Consent. It was **signed into law** on 10/24/00 by President Bill Clinton.

H.R. 4643 – Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Claims Settlement Act approved, ratified and confirmed the Agreement of Compromise and Settlement concerning claims to lands within the perimeter of the Salton Sea Drainage Reservoir. With 18 bipartisan cosponsors, H.R. 4643 passed the House on 9/18/00 by voice vote. It was included in a larger package of legislation involving tribes (HR5528), which was **signed into law** on 12/27/00 by President Bill Clinton.